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TOPIC Grossenhain Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. The following flying activity was observed at Grossenhain airfield during the period from 20 September to 4 October 1952:  
20 September. At 11:40 a.m. two single-engine planes took off. At 5 p.m., 8 MiG-15s took off and headed west at an altitude of about 400 meters. At the same time, two single-engine planes took off and landed again.  
22 and 23 September. No flying. The weather was rainy.  
24 September. After 7 a.m., 4 MiG-15s circled over the field.  
25 September. At 11:30 a.m., 2 single-engine planes, one of them towing an air sleeve, were observed flying.  
26 September. At 11:55 a.m., a single-engine plane was observed towing an air sleeve. Formation flying was practiced by two MiG-15s. At 12:15 p.m. one MiG-15 was observed flying at an altitude of about 2,000 meters. There was night flying by MiG-15s from 7:20 to 10 p.m. One searchlight was observed in operation, which, however, did not catch the aircraft in its beam.  
27 September. MiG-15s practiced individual flights between noon and 2 p.m.  
28 and 29 September. No flying. The weather was rainy.  
30 September. The noise of individual jet planes was heard between 9 a.m. and noon. There was a closed ceiling, and the aircraft could not be seen.  
1 October. There was flying at the field. Searchlights were in operation from 8 to 10 p.m.; however, no flying was observed.  
2 October. No flying was observed during the day. The weather was rainy. The searchlight was in operation after 7:45 p.m.; however, no flying was observed.  
4 October. There was flying in the morning.
2. Soldiers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets were stationed at the field. The unit having soldiers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets included more officers than the other unit. Many officers and sergeants wore decorations. About 10 percent of the EM also wore decorations. The soldiers of the two units were well dressed, showed good discipline, and were also well-behaved when in contact with civilian population. The field was heavily guarded: one sentry was observed at the main gate; a little guardhouse permanently occupied by 3 guards and a dog was located behind the gap in the fence along Elsterwerdaer Strasse in line with the runway and one sentry was also seen at the gate on the spur track. The boundaries of the landing field were patrolled by guards accompanied by dogs.

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25X1      Twelve tents were seen in the northeastern corner of the landing field. No AA guns have been observed so far.<sup>2</sup>

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1. On 29 September, source observed eight jet fighters parked at the airfield near the railroad line.

25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. Two fighter regiments and the headquarters of a fighter division are stationed at Grossenhain airfield.

25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. According to available information an AAA battery equipped with 6x37-mm guns is stationed at the field. For location of the emplacement,

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